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Buildings Delayed in Construction in New York—Increased Price Has No Effect.

New York, Aug. 30.—The scarcity of steel is beginning to make itself seriously felt in this city. Structural work upon several big buildings is at a standstill, and it is feared that some of the new Public Schools will not be ready to open at the time expected. The Committee on School Buildings of the Board of Education will hold a special meeting to-day or to-morrow and summon before it all the contractors who are behind with their work. They will be asked to tell from what mills they have ordered their iron work, and the mill men will then be urged to give the work for the schools precedence.

Every rolling mill in the land is working to its fullest capacity, but everybody seems to want to build at once. The recent advance of $5 a ton on the price of structural iron has seemingly had no effect at all to decrease the demand, and reports of importations of steel from Europe are renewed daily.

Railroads also are materially affected by the shortage, and work on foreign warships now building at Philadelphia has had to be suspended. Contractors are offering in many cases a bonus on contract prices in order to secure prompt delivery. One good feature of the situation, at least, in the eyes of those who have houses, flats and offices to let, is the fact that the scarcity will check the building boom and prevent the cutting of rents.

WELLMAN, THE EXPLORER,

Tells About His Trip and Exporations in Franz Josef Land.

Hull, Aug. 30.—Walter Wellman, the leader of the Wellman Polar expedition, who returned from Tromsoe, Norway, Aug. 17, in an interview with a representaive of the Associated Press, said:

"The object of the expedition was twofold: To complete the exploration of Franz Josef Land, of which the north and northwest parts were practically unknown, and to reach a high latitude, or even the Pole itself. The first object was successfully accomplished. The second would have been achieved, at least to a greater extent than by previous explorers, but for the accident to myself."

Mr. Wellman recounted the starting of the expedition from Tromsoe, June 26, 1898, how it reached Elmwood, the headquarters of the Jackson expedition, July 28, and hoisted there the Stars and Stripes under neath the Union Jack. The latter had been flying over the deserted settlement for nearly two years. The provisions left for Prof. Andree, the missing aeronaut, were found by Mr. Wellman, untouched. After leaving letters about his own expedition, and taking a collapsible house with him, Mr. Wellman proceeded due east for Cape Tegethoff, arriving there July 30, 1898. There the party landed all their stores and the steamer returned to Norway.

At Cape Tegethof.

"We established our headquarters in the little house brought from Jackson's headquarters," continued Mr. Wellman, "over which we flew the Stars and Stripes. Desiring to push north with the greatest speed, I despatched Baldwin, Aug. 5, with the Norwegians, sledges, dogs and boats, myself and others intending to follow in a few days. Shortly after Baldwin's departure I discovered that owing to a sudden breakup of the ice, I was unable to proceed, but I sent two Norwegians to inform Baldwin to build his outpost, leave two men in charge of it, and return to my headquarters."

GERMANY AND DREYFUS.

Cologne Gazette Says German Agent Never Had Any Relations With the Prisoner.

Berlin, Aug. 30.—The Cologne Gazette in an inspired article, replying to the foreign press, says: "After the failure of Major Panizzardi and Col. Schneider to convince the French people, Col. Schwartzkoppen's intervention in behalf of one innocently sentenced would be futile, especially since Germany has already done more than could be expected by Count von Bulow's solemn declarations, which were given as representing the Empire, and the Emperor, and Col. Schwartzkoppen's word of honor in his declarations in November, 1897, that he never had any relations with Dreyfus."

The Tageblatt says the Government might name the real spy.

Revolutionists on Top.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The State Department has received the following cablegram from United States Consul Simpson at Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo: All towns in this district, except Monte Cristi, are in possession of revolutionists. This town (Puerto Plata) surrendered yesterday.

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INVESTIGATION TO GO ON.

Fire and Light Committee Will Be the Body to Hear Complaints re Fire Brigade.

MAYOR ALONE AGAINST THE CHIEF.

Graham's Report Recommends the Purchase of a 65-Foot Ladder and Employing More Men.

The long expected and greatly desired report from Chief Graham dealing with the recent Bay-street fire accident was presented at a meeting of the Fire and Light Committee of the City Council yesterday afternoon at 3.

The chief went into details in describing the fire that nearly cost Miss Cronyn her life, and read statements of occupants of the building as to the probable origin of the fire.

What He Showed.

He showed that the appliances stationed at Bay-street were on their way to the fire before the alarm came into the hall, one of the men having noticed smoke issuing from the front windows, and called out the different sections. The chief also stated that the fire was extinguished in 16 minutes, although materials stored on the premises were of a highly inflammable character. Accompanying the report was a statement from a neighbor that the flames travelled from the back of the building to the street front with lightning-like rapidity. Foreman Sweetman explained precautionary measures taken to break the force of the imperilled woman's fall, he having instantly procured a mattress and oilcloth blankets and placed them beneath her on the pavement to drop upon.

The chief stated that the chief aim was to save life, and having done that the attention of the firemen was directed to the building itself.

The firemen, it was pointed out, were greatly handicapped on account of the poor access to the rear of the burning building, and owing to the inflammable nature of the contents it was only a few minutes before the entire building was in possession of the flames.

Wants a 65-Foot Ladder.

The report recommended the purchase of a 65-foot ladder for use in the Bay-street fire hall. The chief further asked that the staff be increased by six or seven men, so that the present fire apparatus may be more properly handled.

Chief Graham denied the statement that the brigade was confused and lacked the necessary energy. All through the report he supported his men and upheld the brigade.

Mayor Against the Chief.

After the reading of the report the Mayor made a long reply. He roasted Chief Graham and the brigade generally, which he thought was far from being efficient. He attacked the chief personally and thought he was incapable of being at the head of the brigade. Many fires, he said, had been bungled and it was time some needed changes were made. The fire at Bay-street he said, had been very badly managed.

All Others Favor.

Ald. Hubbard followed the Mayor and made a big fight in defence of the chief. The brigade in his opinion was the most efficient in the country and did not need the many changes suggested by His Worship.

Ald. Davies also defended the chief and the brigade for their work in general.

The members then engaged in much squabbling as to what course to pursue. The Mayor wanted the investigation to go on while Ald. Crane thought best to adjourn till after the Exhibition. Ald. Davies was prepared to go on at once, if it was deemed advisable.

More fires might occur, said the Mayor, and then the committee would be put in a bad light. He advised the investigation to be proceeded with at once.

Ald. Dunn saw no need of alarm.

The Mayor: "Well, then I will call a meeting of the Board of Control and have the affair settled."

Ald. Hubbard suggested that the citizens and fire underwriters be invited to make such complaints against the brigade as could be verified, so that they might be investigated.

Investigation the Word.

Finally the committee resolved itself into a sub-committee to investigate all charges against the brigade and to deal with the chief's report. The committee will meet at the call of the chairman.

City Hall Notes.

Market Constable Wright has been instructed to enforce the by-law in connection with the display of goods in the St. Lawrence Market. He has notified hucksters to remove their belongings before six o'clock, or prosecution will follow.

Harton Walker has written the Mayor, stating that he has nine acres of land on the southwest corner of Broadview and Danforth-avenue, which would make a splendid addition to Riverside Park. He offers the property to the city for $8500.

Accommodation will be provided for Mr. Taylor, City Relief Officer, at the new City Hall by dividing up the large room on the ground floor, now used as a bicycle stand. Mr. Taylor is temporarily occupying a room in the southwest corner, on the ground floor.

SOCIAL EVENT AT BLYTH.

Mr. James McMurchie Weds Miss Edna Curtis—A Large Number of Friends Present.

Clinton, Aug. 30.—(Special.)—A much-talked-of society event took place in Blyth to-day, when Mr. James McMurchie of the banking firm of McMurchie & Rance, was united in marriage to Miss Edna Curtis of that place, by the venerable Presbyterian minister, Rev. A. McLean. Mr. McMurchie is a wealthy and extremely popular young man, and is well known among the cricketers of Ontario for his ability as an all-round cricketer, while his bride is one of Huron's popular entertainers, and as an elocutionist has made herself well known and exceedingly popular in this part of the country. A great many of the elite of the country were present to see the event solemnized in the Presbyterian Church to-day.

ALL THREE WERE DROWNED.

One Girl Got Into Peril and Two Others Tried to Save Her.

Quebec, Aug. 30.—A sad accidental drowning occurred nearby the waterworks bridge in St. Charles' River about 11 o'clock this morning. Three young girls named Gillespie were bathing, when one of them, by going too deep, lost her footing and disappeared. The two others by trying to save her shared the same fate. The bodies of two of them have already been found. They were between 14 and 16 years old.

The Demon Dyspepsia—In olden times it was a popular belief that demons moved invisibly through the ambient air seeking to enter into men and trouble them. At the present day the demon, dyspepsia, is at large in the same way, seeking habitation in those who by careless or unwise living invite him. And once he enters a man it is difficult to dislodge him. He that finds himself so possessed should know that a valiant friend to do battle for him with the unseen foe is Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which are ever ready for the trial. ed

Billy Otts Beaten.

Denver, Col., Aug. 30.—Billy Otte, the clever lightweight from San Francisco, met defeat at the hands of Kid Parker of Denver, in the 9th round of what was to have been a 20-round go, before the Olympic A. C., last night.

Trains All Filled.

The officials at the Union Station are being kept busy these days handling the Exhibition crowds. All the trains are filled, and several specials are being run.

TORONTO'S PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Judge McDougall Shows How the Institution is Patronized in Toronto—A Few Figures.

Editor World: I read your very fair article dealing with the present dispute between the City Council and the Public Library Board, in this morning's issue of The World. I desire to correct an error in the article wherein it is stated that the net amount at the disposal of the Library Board, after deducting the amount struck off by the Council ($5300), is $28,670. The correct figures should be $26,670, or $2000 less than the sum above named. To place this clearly before your readers, I state the actual figures resulting from the Council's action:

Amount of library estimates for 1899, as sent to City Council		$33,970
Overdraft from 1898, added to estimates of 1899, by City Council		2,500
Total library estimates for 1899, as amended by Council		$36,470
Deduct estimated revenue from library sources		2,000
Balance		$34,470
Deduct overdraft first charge on grant of this year	$2,500	
Deduct amount struck off by Council	5,300	7,800
Balance available for current library expenditure for year		$26,670

If from this $26,670 is deducted the interest and sinking fund charges on the library debenture debt, $2868, there will only remain the sum of $23,802 available for the ordinary current library expenses for the year 1899.

In the estimates as originally submitted by the Library Board, the sum of $5975 was stated as the amount proposed to be expended for new books in 1899. The reduction made by the Council of $5300 from the total estimates, has, therefore, practically wiped out the $5975 allotted for the purchase of new books. The Library Board were not consulted in any way by the Board of Control or Council as to the proposed reduction, or as to any possible deductions, and when the year was half gone, and after contracts and engagements had been made upon the faith of receiving the amount fixed by the Library Act, namely $31,970, or one-quarter of a mill on the dollar, we are advised that the gentlemen who compose the City Council, in their wisdom, propose that the Board shall carry on the work of the Central Library and four branches with $5300 less money than their estimates show is necessary.

I do not propose to enter into any argument as to the legality of the Council's action, or as to its propriety. Doubtless the 29,054 ticket-holders, who have availed themselves of the privileges of the Central Library and the four branches to the extent of reading 608,424 books in 1898, will express their opinions in another place. I am only concerned as one of a body of gentlemen, entrusted with exclusive powers, to manage this important public institution, and to see—to the extent of those powers—that the ratepayers are not deprived of any of the advantages and privileges which the Legislature intended to confer.

In an educational and industrial centre, like Toronto, a library which did not annually add largely to their book shelves the latest works in fiction, literature, science and arts would fail in its most important and valuable function.

The City Treasurer, in his recent able annual report, has pointed out that the Public Library has been the most economically conducted institution of any of the public departments supported out of the city revenues.

At the risk of being tedious, I will conclude this communication with a few comparative figures:

1889 was the first year in which the library conducted the four branches and the Central Library. The results of that year, compared with 1898, are as follows:

Circulation—	1889.	1898.
Central	211,080	438,945
Western	52,552	56,471
Northern	32,627	39,116
Eastern	8,374	34,397
Dundas	6,311	39,495
Totals	310,945	608,424
Tickets issued—	1889.	1898.
Central	17,273	16,956
Western	3,542	2,293
Northern	2,057	4,060
Eastern	289	1,914
Dundas	267	5,321
Totals	23,484	29,054
	1889.	1898.
Library rate	$34,211	*$31,970
Books	6,403	5,975
Salaries	11,017	13,381

*Asked for.

Total books in library	1889. 57,832	1898. 108,376

The folowing results are to be noticed from these figures:

First.—The circulation has about doubled—310,945 to 608,424.

Second.—The ticket-holders increased in number from 23,484 to 29,054.

Third.—The amount asked from the city is $2241 less in 1899 than was granted in 1898.

Fourth—The salaries have increased only $2364, though the work has doubled. Most of this increase is due to slight advances in salary to employes by reason of length of service. Assistants enter the service at $300 per annum. This stipend increases by $50 after three years' service, and $50 after five years' service, and $50 after 10 years' service. The maximum salary paid to any assistant is $450, and then only after 10 years' service. Ten assistants have served the Board 10 years and upwards.

With a view of comparing the cost of maintaining the Public Library in Toronto with those of other cities, I cite the following published figures from three American libraries and one English library.

—American—			
Report of.	Circulation.	Tax levy.	Salaries
Chicago (1896)	1,173,586	$121,738	$79,981
Minneapolis (1897)	591,400	37,557	24,282
Milwaukee (1897).	416,863	35,519	14,963
—English—			
Birmingham (1896)	1,216,647	$71,133	$18,080

From these statistics, your readers will discover that the Public Library at Toronto performs its work at a less cost to the citizens than similar institutions in other progressive cities.

Trusting I have not trespassed on your space unduly, I am,

Yours truly,
JOSEPH E. McDOUGALL,
Chairman Public Library Board.

Aug. 30, 1899.

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Cannon Under Water 154 Years.

Quebec, Aug. 30.—Messrs. Reid, Craig & Co. have received advices from their wrecking schooner Fabiola, working in Louisburg Harbor, C.B., that they have recovered a number of cannon from the wreck of the French war vessel La Prudente, which was sunk in the war of 1745 during the siege of that place at that time.

Lasters Have Resumed Work.

Quebec, Aug. 30.—The difficulty between the boot and shoe manufacturers and the lasters has been amicably settled. A number of men returned to work yesterday, while all the hands in the other factories resumed work this morning.

The I. O. F. Reception.

The Supreme Chief Ranger has decided to change the proposed reception by the Executive Council on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 2, from the I.O.F. tent at the Exhibition Grounds, to the Temple Building. All Foresters will govern themselves accordingly.

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Medoc, a selected vintage	4.50	
Chateau Brule, special vintage, and first growth (dinner wine)	5.00	"
Chateau Pontet Canet	7.00	"
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Rochester Yachtsmen Want to Take Away Duggan's Prize.

New York, Aug. 30.—A letter was received last night by the Seawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht Club at Oyster Bay, L.I., from the Rochester Yacht Club, stating that the Rochester organization was desirous of learning the particulars of the conditions governing the deed of gift of the Seawanhaka Cup, now held by the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club of Montreal. Commodore Albert G. Wright said his organization intended to build and equip, without regard to expense, during the coming fall and winter, a boat that will be sent next year to the St. Lawrence, as a challenger for the trophy. The news of the new challenger for the trophy, coming so quickly on the announcement of Regis H. Post that he would build another international challenger next year to seek the Canadian trophy, aroused the keenest interest and satisfaction.

Two More Cases of Plague.

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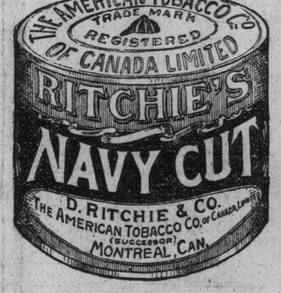

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