

for the lad. In the business portion of the ward the former assessment has been sustained, the cut taking place chiefly in the northern portion of the ward, where there are hundreds of vacant lots on sale. The assessment does not show that there has been any real shrinkage of values beyond what has been recognized for some time past; the inference is rather that the Assessment Department has been holding too tenaciously to the assessment fixed at the height of the

boom, when on one memorable occasion a well-known real estate man appeared before the Court of Revision and gave sworn testimony, which resulted in a substantial increase on about one-half the property in the ward. The new assessment will probably approach nearer to the sale value of the property than it has for some years.

The Dos Muddle Another phase of the "Dos" business has been disclosed by a recent communication from the Harbor Master to the City Council. The citizens are told that the Harbor Master has for some time that the last stage of expenditure in this huge "muddle" had been passed, and that all that remained to be done was to "roll up" the revenue to be received from the "magnificent factory sites" which the father of the scheme pictured with such glowing colors to the members of the council and the people when the scheme was embarked upon. But that the straightforward and practical is so far from the case is beyond contradiction; it is in the management of the scheme that the trouble lies. The Harbor Master and the Harbour Commissioners is simple and plain. They say: "When the work was under way the city requested per-

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Aunt and Nephew.
Joseph Smith, who is accused of robbing his aunt, Mrs. Clara Chambers, of \$280 and two finger rings, was in Police Court yesterday. The complainant is rather an eccentric character, and her evidence was very much disconnected. The Magistrate adjourned the case until June 3 to give the police a chance to make further enquiries.

RUSSIA'S CROWN JEWELS

Returned to Their Depository for Safe

Keeping - A Reception. Moscow, May 29.—(This morning the Imperial regalia, which were used in the coronation of the Emperor and the Czarina of the Assumption last Tuesday, were transferred from the throne room of the Winter Palace to the Kremlin Palace to their depository in the Treasury. The ceremony attending the transfer was similar to that which took place when the regalia were taken to the throne room. Upon that occasion, as to-day, these symbols of Imperial authority were carried by the Emperor and the Empress in pomp and circumstance, and the regalia, the bejeweled symbols, were guarded by numerous military and court representatives. The regalia were then taken to St. Petersburg, to be used in the ceremonies which are to take place after the return of the Emperor and the Empress. The Imperial entourage was given to the distinguished ladies attending the coronation festivities the opportunity to accompany the regalia to the Kremlin Palace at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon in the Palace of the Kremlin. The weather

WILLISON ON THE STUMP.

The Globe's Editor Carries the Old Story to Owen Sound Liberals.

Owen Sound, Ont., May 28.—The Liberals of North York have been invited to give here to-night in the Town Hall which was very largely attended. Quite a number of ladies were present and prominent Reformers of the town and vicinity occupied places on the platform. J. M. Kilbourne, chairman, who introduced the speakers of the evening—James Willison, Esq., of Toronto, who was the first speaker, followed by J. S. Willison of The Globe, Toronto; James Platteau, Esq., of North York, and the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, each of whom addressed the audience on various political questions of the day.

HOW THEY DRAW DOUBLE PAY.

British Army Reserve Men Join the Canadian Militia to Do It.

Halifax, May 29.—Officers of the army and militia here deny the report that an order has been issued from the War Office compelling army reserve men who have enlisted in the Canadian Militia to draw double pay. There are a large number of men who are connected with the Halifax battalions. One militia officer characterized it as a fraud and said that no man would be allowed to draw pay from two sources at the same time. There is a standing rule that army reserve men shall not join the militia force, but it is seldom observed.

Canada's Decoration Day.
Tuesday next, June 2, will be the 30th anniversary of the occasion when a number of Canada's loyal sons sacrificed their lives in defending their

country against foreign aggression on the field of Limeridge. The Veterans of '66 Association will show respect to their memory by decorating the monument erected in Queen's Park to their honor. The association embraces members of most of the battalions of this province. Maj.-Gen. George Greig has kindly consented to be present on this occasion. The school boys, the amount of £500 will be present, and are contributing as usual, a beautiful display of floral decorations. The ceremony will begin at 2 o'clock. The officers of the city corps are expected to attend in goodly numbers. There will be a large number of addresses delivered on the occasion.

MR. E. B. OSLER GOES ABROAD

of the Conservative Candidate
West Toronto Cannot be on the Ground.
E. F. Clarke will have to fight
the election in West Toronto alone, for
his Oiler, his running mate, said he
was going to New York for England and
back again before the Congress of
members of Commerce. Mr.
Clarke met at the city yesterday with the as-
sociates of the Executive Committee of the
General-Conservative Association of
Toronto, who met at the Alder
Hotel last night. He presented a resolution
which was adopted, stating that it
was important that he should be
president of the Board of Trade, and
that he should attend this meeting called by
Joseph Chamberlain to consider
the question of the value of
his vital interest to the city.
He was accompanied himself, however, so that
he could return on quick notice if
required should occur in the campaign.
He was accompanied him, but he
was unable to sail home because a few
minutes, she postponed her trip.

THAT AMERICAN POACHER

Looks as if the Canadian Officer
His Grapnel on the Right Vessel
Halifax, May 29.—Edward M.
Manner of the seized schooner Fr
Geering, jr., is in Halifax and
employed counsel. The case has
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WANT CHEAPER POSTAGE.

The People of Halifax Join Toronto in This Demand.

Halifax, May 29.—On a suggestion from the civic officials of Toronto the Halifax City Council will probably join in the agitation for a reduction in postage on "drop," or city, letters. The views of the local candidates for the House of Commons on the question are being ascertained.

Successful Garden Party.
There was a large garden party on the lawn of Mr. Joseph Armstrong's residence in Scarborough Township, near the town line, last evening, under the auspices of the women's Missionary Society, in connection with the Presbyterian Church (Rev. Mr. Armstrong, pastor). The choir of Sherbrooke Methodist Church furnished the vocal and instrumental music. A very successful match between the clubs of Sherbrooke and Little York was won by the former.

Great Day at the Point.
The Grenadiers' Band will give a concert this afternoon and evening at Hanlan's Point. They will be present at the lacrosse match, Terrence v. Athletics, which, judging from the composition of the teams, will be exciting and close. The band company have arranged for a motor service from the Yonge- and Brock-street wharves.

A Toronto Man's Escape.
Mr. Wallace Finch, formerly of the Gurney Co., now manager of a brick yard in East St. Louis, says that he fortunately was not in the awful wreck caused by the explosion. He was staying at the hotel which was destroyed. He is a son of W. S. Finch of Gettard-street, Toronto.

The Royal Arcanum.
 Savannah, May 29.—The Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum met at its work and adjourned to-day to meet next year. The only business at the session was the installation of officers.

The natives from far and near flocked to Ferncliffe yesterday when they heard of John Jacob Astor's new wind

fall. Many men can accumulate riches and many more can inherit them, but it has fallen to the lot of Col. Astor alone to possess a noseless colt with a double-barrelled eye.

THE U.S. PACIFIC CABLE.
Government Will Subsidize It to the Ex

Washington, May 23.—The House Commerce Committee to-day ordered a favorable report on a bill authorizing the Postmaster-General in his discretion to contract with the Pacific Cable Company of New York for the construction of a cable between the United States, Hawaii, and the Midway Islands. This is the company of which James A. Stryer of New York is president. The bill gives the company a subsidy of not exceeding \$100,000 a year for 20 years. Telegrams for all bills are to be transmitted free. The right of way for Government telegrams for all time is reserved in the resolution.

A Night With the Past Masters.
The quarterly meeting of the Past Masters of the Masonic fraternity of the Toronto last evening was of more than ordinary interest. About 60 members of the association were present and thoroughly enjoyed an address by R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason of Hamilton upon his experiences during his career as a member of the craft. There is probably no better raconteur among the

many able brethren of the craft than
Bro. Mason and his effort of last even-
ing fully sustained the reputation in
this respect which he enjoys. Among
those present were Bros. Kivas Tully,
the honorable president; F. F. Manley,
president; Richard Dinns, vice-presi-
dent, and Arthur Dinns, secretary
treasurer of the association; J. Ross
Robertson, E. T. Malone, Benjamin
Allen, George Tait, Wm. Roaf and the
Rev. J. Bates.

After the lecture refreshments were
served and an excellent program of

musio was contributid by Messrs. McPherson, Thomas Baker, Capt. Boyd and Smedley, accompanied by Mr. J. Lewis Browne, who, it was announced is shortly leaving the city, much to the regret of the brethren, who joined heartily in wishing him godspeed. Mr. H. P. Blackey also gave a recitation, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The president announced that it had been decided to give similar entertainments at future meetings.

Shakespearean Recital.
At St. George's Hall last night before a fashionable audience, Miss Minnie M. Williams gave a recital of Shakespeare's comedy, "The Winter's Tale." Among the audience were Mrs. I. H. Cameron, the Misses Carty, Inspector and Mrs. W. F. Chapman, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Graham, Prof. and Mrs. M. F. Libby, Dr. and Mrs. B. E. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Smoke, Dr. and Mrs. Watson and Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Willmott.

The "Mabat Mater,"

The sale of seats for Tuesday's grand concert is increasing daily and a magnificent audience is assured for this feast of music. Nordica, Campanari, the Boston Festival Orchestra, and all the soloists will have the pleasure of appearing in one of the very best halls of the continent and before a representative audience on Tuesday evening.

As the "Stabat Mater" will be sung in Latin, a book of words, containing the Latin text and translation, will be obtainable. It will be on sale on Tuesday and will be sold at 5 cents each.

Must Not Fish on Sunday.

Magistrate Miller has no sympathy for those who fish on Sunday. It cost Thomas Reeding, John Taylor and John Christie \$1 and costs for using a hook and line on the 24th.

Blaze at Kingsville.
Kingsville, May 29.—At 11 o'clock last night the large roller process flour mill, owned by Jasperson & Co., was totally destroyed by fire. Loss \$22,000 insured for \$6000. The fire originated in the engine room.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM

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A REPLY TO TUPPER.

London, Eng., Writer Has Something to Say to Canada's Premier.

A. H. Loring, honorable secretary of the Imperial Federation (Defence) League, replies to Sir Charles Tupper.

marks of the relation in the case of the British navy, in the June 1966 *Atlantic Magazine*, which is out to show states strong reasons why Canada should have a small navy of her own. Joseph T. Clark of Saturday Night writes an article criticizing the "Daily Newspaper." O. A. Jones, M.L.A., John McEvoy, of London, Kate Westlake Yeigh, of Ford, A.R.C.A., Ella S. Attkin, of Tumble Bayard, Constance Ford Boulton and Ian MacLaren are other chief contributors. The *Review* contains five bright short stories, of which are most readable.

West Toronto.
The Reformers in No. 4 Ward met last night in Wardell's Hall, Spadina avenue, for the purpose of choosing delegates to the general convention having to be appointed. Mr. Wilson presided, and among those present were Messrs. Peter Ryan, J. Frank Denton, G. Bertram Aldry, and about 120 others. It was at last, decided to appoint those present delegates, and make up the requisite number by giving names from the list. There was other business.

The annual meeting of the Mills and Bands of the Toronto Association will be held with the ch. York Mills, on Tuesday, June 10, 7 p.m. The cars of the Metropolitan Railway run very near the ch. The ladies will furnish lunch at 4 and in the evening.

Sir Charles Leaves Pictou.
Halifax, N.S., May 29.—Sir H. H. Hupper, it is announced, has accepted the Conservative nomination for the combined Counties of Queen's and Pictou. For some years he has represented Pictou in the House of Commons.

Personal.
Mrs. Radway sails to-day on the Ambria for Europe.
Colin Harbottle is in receipt of letters from Thrift Burnside, who, with Messrs. Holland and Gale, is conducting a singing tour through Europe. The tour is dated at Geneva, Switzerland, and speaks in the highest terms of the

European roads so far. The party sailed from Liverpool to London, along the coast and crossed to France. They will return to Toronto in August. Mrs. R. Miller, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. G. Miss Tapscott and Mr. G. are among the passengers. They were met by A. F. Webster to sail on the Dominion liner Scotsman for Montreal to-day.

Miss McAllister, author of "A Woman in Africa," is in town.
Mrs. King, Berlin, is in town.
Mr. James G. Burnham, barrister at law, and his wife, Mrs. Burnham, arrived in town yesterday.
Mr. E. Anderson of the G.T.R. is in town for Ottawa on account of his father's illness.

It Comes High.
George Kelly, who was arrested
yesterday as a vag, was fined \$20.
by Magistrate Denison for carrying
a gun.

a rehearsal of the march past
wearing the colors in connection
the tournament is to be held at
memories to-night.

writ out of the High Court of
was issued yesterday against
Educational Journal Publishing Co.
over damages for stating in an
advertisement in a Toronto news

the Journal Company had an
 ited supply of the original edi-
 the Century Dictionary Cyclo-
 Names and Atlas for sale at la-
 reduced rates and cautioning
 blic not to buy the edition as
 The Mail and Empire as bet-
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had to-day was due to the blockade at the Upper Ottawa Valley by an anti-cyclone from Labrador of the storm which lately passed over us. It came up from Illinois at the rate of a passenger train, but the anti-cyclone has brought it to a dead standstill."